No evangelical Christian can support same-sex relationships. At least, you could be forgiven for thinking so. Within the span of a single lifetime, secular British society has become progressively more accepting of homosexuality, first decriminalising it (1967 ), then inventing the legal innovation of civil partnership to accommodate it (2005), and finally expanding the definition of marriage to include it (2014). But throughout this whole remarkable revolution in public attitude, the church has conspicuously dragged its feet, and evangelical Christians in particular have been outspokenly reactionary. So convinced are they of the Bible's unequivocal condemnation of homosexuality, in recent years opposition to gay relationships has become pretty much a defining issue for them. There is a very strong probability that, in the next couple of years, the issue will cause some degree of schism between evangelical Anglicans and the rest of the Church of England.

Yet there have always been dissenting voices within this apparently unanimous chorus of evangelical disapproval. There are many gay men and women who have been raised within or found faith within

evangelical churches and who have experienced severe cognitive dissonance as a result. Some have remained in the closet of secrecy and denial, and paid the price in terms of repressed guilt and self-loathing. Some have yielded to the persuasive arguments of their Christian mentors and, contrary to their deepest desires, either married opposite sex partners or striven to remain celibate singles. Some, unable to face such a sacrifice, have sadly abandoned church fellowship and perhaps faith itself.. But a few of us have struggled on, through prayer and study, to try to understand their lived experience of same-sex love without denying either the gay or the Christian component of their personal identity.

Jeremy Horton is not gay; he is an evangelical Christian lawyer who has felt called by God to understand and assess all sides of the Christian debate about homosexuality, and he has fulfilled that vocation with forensic rigour and impartiality. As a result, and perhaps somewhat to his own surprise, he has come to conclusions that are unashamedly supportive of those of us who believe that same-sex relationships are compatible with our evangelical Christian convictions. His website is a deeply personal record of the spiritual

journey that has led him to this position, and an invitation to other evangelical Christians, at the very least, to respect and tolerate these revisionist conclusions. As a gay evangelical who has followed a similar path, I am profoundly grateful to Jeremy for the extraordinary thoroughness of his research and warmly commend the materials he has made available.

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